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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED REVISION OF NOTE BY GATT SECRETARIAT

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED REVISED DOCUMENT MTN/TP/
W/6/ADD.1, DATED FEBURARY 6, "CIRCULATION OF INITIAL OFFERS",
IN PREPARATION FOR TROPICAL PRODUCTS (TP) GROUP MEETING FEB
16. PARAGRAPH SEVEN OF DOCUMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN
QUOTE: IT MIGHT ALSO BE NOTED THAT WHEREAS IN THE KENNEDY
ROUND TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS WERE GRANTED
ON AN M.F.N. BASIS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE PRESENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS SOME OF THE OFFERS ON
TROPICAL PRODUCTS WILL BE IN THE NATURE OF EXTENSION OR
ENLARGEMENT OF EXISTING GSP SCHEMES. THE REQUESTS FOR
CONCESSIONS ALSO COVER NON-TARIFF MEASURES APPLYING TO
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TROPICAL PRODUCTS. END QUOTE.

2. US MTN DEL PROPOSES TO NOTIFY GATT SECRETARIAT THAT IT PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION TO PARA 7 AND REQUESTS THAT PROPOSED MODIFICATION BE CIRCULATED TO OTHER DELEGATIONS. REVISED LANGUAGE WOULD REPLACE ALL OF FIRST SENTENCE FOLLOWING "UNDERSTAND THAT" AND READ AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:.....SOME DELEGATIONS IN THE THE CONTEXT OF THE PRESENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL RESPOND TO TROPICAL PRODUCT REQUESTS LISTS BY EXTENDING OR ENLARGING THEIR GSP SCHEMES. END QUOTE.

3. US MTN DEL BELIEVES REVISION IS IMPORTANT IN KEEPING RECORD STRAIGHT THAT GSP IS NON-NEGOTIABLE AND UNILATERAL, HENCE IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DEFINE AS "OFFER". REVISED LANGUAGE RECOGNIZES REALITY, HOWEVER, THAT GSP WILL BE INCLUDED IN SOME DELEGATIONS' "RESPONSES" TO TP REQUESTS. US MTN DEL HAS DISCUSSED REVISION INFORMALLY WITH GATT SECRETARIAT, WHICH AGREED THAT "OFFER" WAS BAD CHOICE OF WORDS, BUT WAS RELUCANT TO MAKE CHANGE IN CIRCULATED TEXT WITHOUT FORMAL REQUEST.

4. REQUEST CONCURRENCE OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO ABOVE PROCEDURE. WALKER

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